

REMARKS

Please note that there was an amendment to the specification on page 2 of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application. It is requested that the Examiner make sure that said amendment be entered.

Applicant's attorney takes exception to the requirement that the preliminary amendment filed with the application was non-compliant. An amendment that is filed with the application obviously has claims that are new.

Moreover, where as here, the inventor did not sign the application at the time it was filed, there is no reason why the claims presented with the specification, and the claims in a preliminary amendment filed with the case, should be treated differently.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William D. Hall".

William D. Hall
Register 14,311
Attorney for Applicant

10850 Stanmore Drive
Potomac, Maryland 20854
Tel. (301) 983-5070